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Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - June 29, 2001

- ***In the West***, very warm, dry conditions are overspreading the region. Recent rainfall in the ***Northwest*** aided pastures and dryland small grains and temporarily eased the threat of wildfires.
- ***On the Plains***, very warm, mostly dry weather is promoting winter wheat harvesting from ***Kansas southward into western Texas***, although diminishing soil moisture reserves are beginning to stress summer crops. Thunderstorms are further easing long-term drought on the ***northern High Plains***, and locally heavy showers continue in ***eastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, warm, dry weather favors corn and soybean development and winter wheat harvesting. This week's warmth and dryness have helped to reduce areas of excessive wetness across the ***western Corn Belt***.
- ***In the South***, scattered showers are maintaining generally adequate topsoil moisture levels for summer crop development. Exceptions include the ***central and western Gulf Coast regions***, which remain wet in the wake of Tropical Storm Allison, and the ***northern Delta region***, where unfavorable dryness lingers.

Outlook: Heat, accompanied by mostly dry weather, is forecast to build across the ***West*** during the next 5 days. Farther east, cooler air, preceded by scattered thunderstorms, is forecast to spread into the ***northern Plains, Corn Belt, and Northeast*** by early next week. Warm, showery conditions are expected to continue across the ***South***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 4-8 calls for a continuation of hot, dry weather in the ***West***. Meanwhile, cooler weather and widespread showers are expected along a slow-moving cold front from the ***Mid-Atlantic region southwestward into Texas***.

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